

Sikorski was making the rounds on Capitol Hill that day with his client, Mille Lacs Chairwoman Marge Anderson, and they informed the Congressmen of the meeting that had been set for the next day with Chairman Donald Fowler of the Democratic National Committee. Sikorski said he wanted to enlist the Congressmen in making certain that the White House and Interior knew how serious the issue was to the opponent tribes.

**b. Hudson Opponents Lobby Sen. McCain With False Information Regarding the Ownership of the Hudson Dog Track**

During the spring of 1995, the opponent lobbyists were pursuing a strategy of tainting the Hudson application by claiming that Delaware North Companies owned the track.<sup>196</sup> As part of that strategy, on June 8, 1995, three lobbyists for the opponents – Corcoran, Patrick O'Donnell and Ducheneaux – met with Sen. McCain to inform him that Delaware North owned the Hudson dog track, and that there were persistent rumors that Delaware North had connections to organized crime.<sup>197</sup>

---

<sup>196</sup>The first date on which the opponents employed this argument is unclear. A Jablonski memo in this period stated that Broydrick was "working on unearthing some information involving Delaware North to show [to] Loretta Avent" (a White House staffer), and that Ducheneaux was working on that issue as well. Jablonski's memo is undated, but its content suggests that it preceded an April 8 event to which it referred. On April 11, two O'Connor & Hannan lobbyists spoke with a Washington Post reporter about the allegation. In addition, at an April 28 meeting at the DNC, the opponents informed Chairman Fowler of the purported Delaware North connection with Hudson.

In fact, Delaware North had no ownership interest at Hudson. Delaware North owned the dog track in Kaukauna, Wis., and held a mortgage on the dog track in Wisconsin Dells, Wis. The owner of the Wisconsin Dells track – Thomas Diehl – was a minority partner in the Havenick venture that teamed with the three applicant tribes in the Four Feathers partnership. Thus, Diehl held a 1.99 percent interest in the proposed Hudson casino.

<sup>197</sup>Delaware North was a significant name to any public official from Arizona. During the 1970s, Delaware North's predecessor entity, Emprise Companies, was embroiled in what  
(continued...)